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SUMMARY: AS IN PAST YEARS, LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN (LATIN) ISSUES WERE NOT A MAJOR FORCUS AT THE 32ND GA. IN THE RELATIVELY COOPERATIVE AND CONCILIATORY ATMOSPHERE, LATIN SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS WAS LESS SOUGHT AND LESS EVIDENT THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT WAS SIGNIFICANT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, SUCH AS GUAM, THE MANILA INVITATION, AND THE ASIAN ITEM ON REAPPORTIONMENT. DIVISIONS AMONG THE LATINS WERE EVIDENT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, WITH THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS AND CUBA FREQUENTLY VOTING TOGETHER AGAINST SOME OF THE HISPANICS AND BRAZIL. LATIN SUPPORT FOR PRO-AFR POSITIONS REMAINED HIGH AS DID THAT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE AND OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID. ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSURS WHERE VOTES ARE THE EXCEPTION, THE LATINS WERE GENERALLY A MODERATE INFLUENCE NIN THE NEGTIATING PROCESS. SELECTED INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS (BELOW) HIGHLIGHT CHANGES
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FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. PUERTO RICO WAS THE OCCASIONAL OBJECT OF OF COMMENT, USUALLY AT CUBAN INSTIGATION, BUT WAS NOT RAISED FORMALLY AT THE 32ND GA. END SUMMARY.

2. LATIN ISSUES. AS IN PAST YEARS, LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN (LATIN) ISSUES WERE NOT A MAJOR FOCUS OF THE 32ND GA, AND ONE ISSUE, PANAMA, A FREQUENT CAUSE OF ACRI-MONIOUS INVECTIVE LAST YEAR, WAS ABSENT. BELIZE WAS A MAJOR BONE OF CONTENT BUT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME SIGNIFICANT LATIN VOTE SHIFTS (MEXICO, VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA,

PERU, AND HAITI FROM ABSTENTION LAST YEAR TO SUPPORT OF THE PRO INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION), AND THE APPEARANCE OF SOME CURIOUS BELIZEAN PETIONERS WHOSE BONA FIDES WERE HIGHLY SUSPECT, IT PLAYED OUT -- IN THE GA AT LEAST -- ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO THE LAST TWO YEARS. AN ADDITIONAL CARIBBEAN ITEM ON AID TO THE ASSOCIATED STATES, WHICH APPEARED POTENTIALLY CONTENTIOUS IN ITS EARLIER VERSIONS AND WHICH WAS THE CAUSE FOR HEATED BARBADIAN CRITICISM AND EAST EUROPEAN TROUBLE MAKING, UNDER WENT REFINEMENTS AND WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. THE RESOLUTION DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, WHICH THE US-COSPONSORED, WAS THE CENTER OF HEATED DEBATE AND A VERY DIVIDED LATIN VOTE, AS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. THE GA DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

3. LATIN VOTING PATTERNS.

(A) SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS
IN THE RELATIVELY COOPERATIVE AND CONCILIATORY ATMOSPHERE OF THE 32ND GA, LATIN AMERICAN AND CARRIBEAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS WAS LESS SOUGHT AND LESS EVIDENT THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT WAS SIGNIFICANT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME, FOR EXAMPLE, ON GUAM WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT RELATIVELY SOLID CONFIDENTIAL

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LATIN SUPPORT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOTE TO DELETE A CONDEMNATION OF NATO IN A THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF DECLINING LATIN SUPPORT; ONLY THREE LATINS (EL SALVADOR, GRENADA AND HONDURAS) VOTED WITH US THIS YEAR COMPARED TO 6 LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, A MAJORITY OF THE LATINS ABSTAINED ON THE VOTE, WITH ONLY FOUR (CUBA, HAITI, JAMICA AND VUYANA) OPPOSING DELETION. ALMOST A THIRD OF THE LATINS ABSTAINED ON THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS RESOLUTION WHICH ALSO SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED THE US, AMONG OTHERS. IN VOTES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE IN FULLY SOLIDARITY WITH THE G-77, IN NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, THE LATINS WERE GENERALLY A MODERATE INFLUENCE.

(B) DIVISIONS IN LA GROUP

DIVISIONS AMONG MEMBER OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WERE EVIDENT ON A NUMBER OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON THOSE THAT TOUCHED CLOSE TO HOME (GEOGRAPHICALLY OR POLITICAL SUCH AS BELIZE, THE CHILE RESOLUTION AND THE VOTE TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH COMMISSIONER. AS IN PART YEARS AN OBVIOUS SCHISM WAS EVIDENT BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS PLUS CUBA (AND, USUALLY, HAITI) ON THE ONE HAND AND SOME OF THE HISPANICS ON THE OTHER. ON THE CHILE RESOLUTION, FOR EXAMPLE, ALMOST ALL THE "NO" VOTES CAME FROM THE HISPANICS AND BRAZIL (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL,

CHILE, COSTA RICA, DEMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALAVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY). WHILE THE CUBANS, AND CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS VOTED "YES". (GRENDA WAS ABSENT AS ON THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF OTHER CONTESTED VOTES.)

INTERNECINE RIVALRY OVER CANDIDACIES AND THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP'S GENERAL DISORGANIZATION WERE EVIDENT IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES, IN PARTICULAR THE DOMINICAN-ECUADOREAN
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COLLISION OVER AN ECOSOC SEAT. ON A NUMBER OF DELICATE ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE LA GROUP DEMONSTRATED UNUSUAL AND HELPFUL SOLIDARITY. THE GROUP TOOK A STRONG STAND, FOR INSTANCE, AGAINST THE PHILIPPINE INVITATION AND ALSO REACTED WITH SIMILAR CONHESIVENESS TO THE ASIAN REAPPORTIONMENT EFFORT. ONLY, HOWEVER, ON THOSE FEW ISSUES WHERE THE CASE FOR GROUP SOLIDARITY WAS OVERWHELMING DID THE LATINS ACT TOGETHER. SUCH INSTANCES REMAIN VERY MUCH THE EXCEPTION; GROUP DISCIPLINE IS WEAK OR NON-EXISTENT.O

(C) THE MIDDLE EAST

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR PRO-ARAB POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST (ME) REMAINED HIGH, WITH SOME ABSTENTIONS AND AN OCCASIONAL "NO" VOTE ON THE MORE EXTREME RESOLUTIONS. THE MOST DEPENDABLE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL CAME FROM GUATEMALA, WHICH DID NOT SUPPORT A SINGLE CONTENTIOUS ME RESOLUTION AND JOINED US IN VOTING AGAINST 4 AND TO A LESSER EXTENT FROM NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA (WHOSE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE RESTRAINED THAN LAST YEAR.) AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR AND PARAGUAY HAD RSPECTABLE RECORDS OF ABSTANTIONS ON THEMOST QUESTIONABLE RESOLUTIONS, WITH SURINAM, URUGUAY AND THE BAHAMAS FURTHER BEHIND.

(D) SOUTHERN AFRICA

WITH THE EXCPETION OF A SMALL NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS ON THE MORE CONTROVERSAIL SOUTHERN AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS (RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, NUCLEAR AND MILITARY COLLABORATION, ECONOMIC COLLABORATION, ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS), THE LATIN RECORD WAS ONE OF SOLID SUPPORT
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FOR MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE AND OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID. FOR THE LATINS, THE MOST CONTROVERSAIL RESOLUTION AND THE ONE RECEIVING THE LEAST SUPPORT WAS THAT ON ISRAELI/SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS. THE

LATIN COUNTRY WITH THE VOTING RECORD MOST SIMILAR TO OURS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN VOTES (AND MOST OTHER CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES) WAS GUATEMALA. EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, HONDURAS, SURINAM AND URUGUAY ABSTAINED ON MANY OF THE SAME RESOLUTIONS ON WHICH WE ABSTAINED OR VOTED NO.

(E) ECONOMIC ISSUES

IN THE LOWERED TEMPERATURE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AT THE 32ND UNGA, THE LATINS TENDED, AS IN RECENT YEARS, TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE G-77 LINE. THERE WERE FEWER CONTENTIOUS ISSUES ON WHICH VOTES DIVIDED ON A CLEAR NORTH-SOUTH PATTERN, PLACING THE US AND LATINS ON OPPOSITE SIDES. A MIXED VOTE ON INFLATION FOUND THE US SUPPORTING A LATIN-INSPIRED RESOLUTION WHILE MOST EUROPEANS DID NOT. IN ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS, THE COMMON FUND, AND OVERVIEW, THE LATINS WERE GENERALLY A MODERATE FORCE

(F) DISARMAMENT

IN THIS AREA THE LATINS AS DID OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS, JOINED IN SUPPORTING CONSENSUS OR UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPECTATION THAT OUR BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS (SALT, CTB AND CW) WILL COME TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN 1978 AND THAT WE WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO MANY OF THEIR CONCERNS AT THE 1978 SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD).

AS LAST YEAR, THE KEY LATIN AMERICAN PERSONALITY IN COMMITTEE I WAS MEXICAN CCD REP GARCIA ROBLES. HE PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A SINGLE UNGA RESOLUTION ON CTB WHICH, INSTEAD OF CONDEMNING TESTING AS IN PAST RESOLUTIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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TOOK AN UPBEAT APPROACH BY FOCUSING ON THE NEED TO COMPLETE CTB NEGOTIATIONS IN TIME FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE WAS ALSO THE KEY FIGURE IN THE NEGOTIATION OF RESOLUTION ON SALT II WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS AND OURSELVES, AND WHICH WAS APPROVED BY DELEGATIONS EXCEPT CHINA AND FRANCE. GARCIA ROBLES IS ALSO THE MAJOR LATIN AMERICAN PERSONALITY THINKING AHEAD ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SSOD PREPCOM FOR THE DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. HE HAD COME UP WITH A NUMBER OF USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH HIM, A DIALOGUE WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED BY OUR SIGNATURE THIS YEAR OF PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLAQUELOTE. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, AS IN PAST YEARS, CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, TO THE NPT, AND TO RESOLUTIONS URGING WIDER ADHERENCE TO IT.

(G) ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS.

ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS THE LATINS VOTED WITH THE G-77 ON MOST ISSUES. ON THE WHOLE THE LATINS SUPPORTED INCREASING THE UN BUDGET AND SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY ONE G-77 DELEGATION OR ANOTHER. ONLY FOUR CARIBBEAN DELEGATIONS, BARBADOS, CUBA, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, REGULARLY PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

4. SELECTED COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS.

ARGENTINA:

ON MORE THAN 25 CONTESTED VOTES ANALYSED, THE ARGENTINA POSITION DID NOT COINCIDE WITH OURS ON A CONFIDENTIAL

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SINGLE ISSUE. ARGENTINE MINISTER OLIVERI LOPEZ WAS GENERALLY HELPFUL AND BALANCED IN NEGOTIATIONS HE CONDUCTED AS A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEEX

BARBADOS:

BARBADOS WAS MORE ACTIVE THAN LAST YEAR, INTRODUCING TWO RESOLUTIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT AND AID TO THE ASSOCIATED STATES. THE FREQUENCY OF BARBADIAN VOTES CONTRARY TO THOSE OF THE US REMAINED HIGH AS LAST YEAR. AN INTERESTING DEVIATION FROM LAST YEAR WAS ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES, WHERE BARBADOS MOVED FROM ABSTENTIONS ON THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL VOTES TO MORE SUPPORT FOR PRO-ARAB RESOLUTIONS. BARBADOS WORKED CLOSELY WITH US ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION LIMITING FIRST-CLASS AIR TRAVEL BY UN OFFICIALS.

BRAZIL:

BRAZIL PLAYED A MORE ACTIVE AND SELF-CONFIDENT ROLE THAN AT PAST GA'S PARTICULARLY IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE, WHERE IT WAS AN ACTIVE OPPONENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH-COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL AND THE STRONGEST POTENTIAL LATIN LEADER. IN CONTRAST TO MANY OF THE LATINS WHO TEND TO TREAD VERY CAUTIOUSLY, THE BRAZILIANS WERE THE MOST LIKELY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SOVIET BLOC INITIATIVES AND IN FAVOR OF WESTERN POSITION WHEN THEY WANTED TO. BRAZIL'S OVERALL VOTING RECORD IS SIMILAR TO PAST YEARS. BRAZIL WAS HELPFUL IN POSTPONEING CONSIDERATION OF A CUBAN RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE TAXED THE US FOR APPROXIMATELY 80PERCENT OF THE COST INFLATION ADDS TO UN OPERATIONS.

COLOMBIA:

COLOMBIA ABSTAINED OR WAS ABSENT FOR SOME OF

THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL MIDDLE EAST VOTES. OTHER THAN ITS
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SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ENLARGE THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE,
COLOMBIA DID NOT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT THE 32ND GA.
COLOMBIAN MISOFF GAVIRIA'S STEWARDSHIP OF THE 6TH COMMITTEE
WAS NONCONTROVERSIAL AND UNDISTINGUISHED. SOME DESCRIBED
HIM AS A "TRAFFIC COP" CHAIRMAN.

CUBA:

CUBA WAS, AS USUAL, HYPERACTIVE AND UNIFORMLY
UNHELPLEFUL ACROSS A VERY BROAD SPECTRUM OF
ISSUES. CUBAN ANTI-US RHETORIC WAS FREQUENT AND AT A
HIGHER PITCH THAN LAST YEAR, RANGING FROM MALMIERCA'S
VICIOUS ANTI-US GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT TO PERMREP
ALARCON'S PERSONAL ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG. ON THE
OTHER HAND, MORE FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN
THE US AND CUBAN MISSIONS ALLOWED FOR FRANK DISCUSSION
OF DIFFERENCES AND LIMITED EFFORTS AT COOPERATION.

COSTA RICA:

DIMINISHED COSTA RICA SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL WAS
EVIDENT ON A NUMBER OF THE MORE EXTREME PRO-ARAB RESOLUTIONS
ON WHICH COSTA RICA MOVED FROM "NO" VOTES LAST YEAR TO
ABSTENTION THIS YEAR. ON A NUMBER OF OTHER VOTES, AS
WELL, COSTA RICA APPEARED TO HEW SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO THE
NON-ALIGNED LINE, WHILE STILL ABSTAINING ON THE MORE
EXTREME RESOLUTIONS. THIS WAS WIDELY PERCEIVED AS PART
OF AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S CANDIDACY
FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE 33RD GA.

GUYANA:

IMPROVED GUYANA-US RELATIONS WERE REFLECTED IN
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CORDIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS AND A DECREASE
IN ANTI-US RHETORIC BUT NOT IN ANY CHANGE IN GUYANA'S
VOTING RECORD, WHICH, ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, REMAINED AL-
MOST DIMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO OURS.

HAITI:

HAITI EXHIBITED THE MOST MARKED CHANGE OF ANY OF
THE LATINS FROM PREVIOUS VOTING PATTERNS. MEASURED IN
TERMS OF RHETORIC AS WELL, HAITI HAS MOVED FROM RELATIVELY
COSE ALIGNMENT WITH THE US TO A VOTING PATTERN AS SOLIDLY
"NON-ALIGNED" AS THAT OF CUBA, JAMAICA OR GUYANA. IN FACT,

ONLY ON TWO OF THE MOST EXTREME MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTIONS DID HAITI ABSTAIN OR ABSENT ITSELF. ON NO OTHER CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE DID THE US AND HAITIAN VOTES COINCIDE, AND ON THE LARGE MAJORITY, THEY WERE OPPOSED.

HONDURAS:

IN COMPARISON WITH THE LACKLUSTER AND DISORGANIZED HONDURAN PERFORMANCE AT THE 31ST GA, THE NEW PERMREP, CARIAS, HAS TAKEN MATTERS VERY MUCH IN HAND AND GREATLY ALTERED FOR THE BETTER THE HONDURAN IMAGE AND PERFORMANCE.

JAMAICA:

AS IN THE CASE OF GUYANA, IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE US WERE REFLECTED IN A DIMINUTION OF ANTI-US RHETORIC (A GENERAL TREND) BUT NOT IN ANY INCREASED COINCIDENCE OF VOTES ON CONTESTED ISSUES. JAMAICAN DEPUTY PERMREP MAIR'S SKILLED CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE 3RD COMMITTEE DEFUSED SOME DELICATE ISSUES. IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, JAMAICAN DELEGATION CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF THE "BIG GUNS" OF THE G-77, A POSITION ENHANCED BY THE DELEGATION'S FORMAL PRESIDENCY OF THE GROUP. OVERALL, JAMAICA USED ITS POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF WORK ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND COMMITTEE DEPUTY PERMREP HALL IN PARTICULAR DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY HARD, BUT FAIRMINDED BARGAINING. FREQUENT AND HIGH-LEVEL US-JAMAICAN CONSULTATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA WERE A NEW AND POSITIVE DEPARTURE, AND WILL BE CONTINUED.

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IN CONTRAST TO THE PAST CAMPAIGN OF VITUPERATION OVER THE CANAL, PANAMA WAS ALMOST ALL SWEETNESS AND LIGHT AND COOPERATED IN REVISING SOME OVERHEATED CANAL LANGUAGE LEFT OVER FROM THE PRE-TREATY PERIOD. IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR, PANAMA'S RECORD ON MIDDLE EAST VOTES WAS SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER, AS WAS ITS RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. PANAMA WAS AMONG THOSE WHICH SUPPORTED THE HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MEXICO:

IN ADDITION TO A SOMEWHAT IMPROVED VOTING RECORD, PARTICULARLY IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE, THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TENDED TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO CONSULT WITH THE US DEL. THANKS TO CONTINUING CLOSE AND FRANK CONSULTATIONS, MEXICAN AND US CANDIDACIES FOR THE SITE OF THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (EVENTUALLY DEFEATED) BECAME A VEHICLE FOR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA.

MEXICO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPROVING A CUBAN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DIRECT INVESTMENT OF THE ASSETS OF THE UN PENSION FUND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:

AS IN PAST YEARS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ADOPTED POSI-
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TIONS OPPOSED TO OUR OWN ON THE MAJORITY OF CONTRO-
VERSIAL VOTES, VOTING WITH US ONLY ON THE CHILE RESOLU-
TION. IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, TRINIDAD, REPRESENTED BY
WIDELY RESPECTED DEPUTY PERMREP THOMAS, WHOSE POSITION
ON THE ACABQ GIVES HIM SPECIAL AUTHORITY IN THE UN FISCAL
MATTERS, WAS EASILY THE MOST ACTIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE
OF THE LATIN DELEGATIONS. THOMAS WAS PARTICULARLY
HELPFUL IN HELPING TO KEEP A PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE
SALARY OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACABQ WITHIN ACCEPTABLE
LIMITS.

VENEZUELA:

THE VENEZUELA DELEGATION WAS OUR PRINCIPAL LDC
PARTNER IN OUR (EVENTUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL) EFFORT TO OBTAIN
A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION ON THE COMMON FUND; THEY WERE
ALSO AMONG THE FIVE DELEGATIONS MANDATED BY THE G-77
TO NEGOTIATE THE RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING AN OVERVIEW
MECHANISM WHICH PASSED BY CONSENSUS. THIS, PLUS SIG-
NIFICANT SPEECHES BY MINISTER PEREZ-GUERRERO, PROVIDED
AMPLE EVIDENCE OF VENEZUELA'S CONTINUED STRONG VOICE
FOR MODERATION IN THE G-77 ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

5. PUERTO RICO:

CUBA CONTINUED THE ACCUSTOMED SHARP CRITICISM OF
THE "COLONIAL" SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO IN MANY STATE-
MENTS AT THE 32ND GA, BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SEEK ANY
FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO.
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